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Inefficient. Jim Kenney doesn't think rock salt is doing the best job and wants to explore other safer, less expensive options. **Clean streets.** A spokesman says Philly is willing to do that; however, it's not as easy as it seems. **Dough.** The city is already spending more than it budgeted. PAGE 02

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"During this harsh winter it's come to my attention that a number of dogs and cats have been found outside for extended periods of time. Without question, this is abuse, and it should be recognized."

We agree, City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson.

Rock salt is inefficient, claims city councilman

An alternative. The streets department spokesman said they will look into it but it's not all about price.

Rock salt goes from the warehouse, inset, to the streets. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Conversations and debates about snow accumulation and early school dismissals have transitioned to the city's generous distribution of rock salt.

"I think the city is not extremely efficient in the way in which they salt," said City Councilman Jim Kenney. "They salt a day or so before the storm even hits and they lay down too much."

Kenney requested the council's streets and services committee hold hearings to evaluate the city's use of rock salt in its response to winter storms.

The resolution grew out of conversations with dog owners, the councilman said, "who were very upset with the fact that they have to thoroughly clean their dogs after taking them out," he said. "If they lick it off and ingest it, it could kill them."

It also poses a danger to kids who play in the snow in the streets and on the sidewalks, he added.

"And the other issue is the environment — what we're putting in our water systems," he said.

Kenney asked if there was something else the city could use in ice or snow storms.

He pointed to "beet juice," a combination of salt brine and sugar beet molasses. The mixture's sticky texture helps the salt brine cling longer to roads, bridges and sidewalks.

Mark McDonald, spokesman for Mayor Michael Nutter's administration and the streets department, acknowledged that when the temperature drops, rock salt does lose its power.

"[With] temperatures below 20 degrees or so … the rock salt that we're using does not perform very well," McDonald said. And that's been the case many times this winter.

Even if the city used brine in very cold temperatures, there is a dramatic loss of street-cleaning performance, McDonald said.

He added that if the city used new measures, different equipment and storage spaces would be needed.

"Handling might be different with different products, and there might be an environmental tradeoff," he said. "Clean streets come with a cost."

Kenney said the cost of any changes to the city's snow removal policy would have to be considered.

"But there are certain things that we've used in the past over our history where we learned it was cancer-causing or bad for people and we stopped using it," Kenney said. "I don't think price is the sole issue, but we certainly want to look at it."

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Budgeting

The cost of snow

The money in the city budgets for snow removal is primarily used for hiring contractors to supplement the work done by the streets department, according to McDonald.

Officials set aside $4 million this year. As of Feb. 4, the city has gone about $300,000 over budget. In an average year, the city's streets department spends between $6 and $8 million on snow removal. The city budgets $925,000 for salt.

"And we have adequate supplies for the foreseeable future," McDonald said.

Quoted

"We have to use these opportunities to take a look at how we're doing things and whether we can do them cheaper, better or more environmentally friendly."

Kenney

Missing. Drexel student not seen in one month: Family

Over the weekend, the family of a college girl missing since Jan. 2 gathered to seek the public's help.

Fatima Rahman, 21, was last seen at her home near 43rd and Chestnut streets.

Rahman, a Drexel student, is 5-foot-1 and suffers from schizophrenia.

She left her medication and wallet behind when she disappeared.

Rahman may become paranoid and avoid people when off her medication.

Rahman is known to frequent University City and Drexel campus. Anyone who sees her should call 911. SAM NEWHOUSE

New digs

Police HQ to move?

Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell introduced two bills for the city to borrow $250 million to move the Philadelphia Police Department from Center City to the landmark Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. building at 46th and Market in West Philadelphia, saying the move could revitalize that area. METRO

Backtrack

Star-Ledger regrets endorsing Christie

The Star-Ledger's editorial page editor Tom Moran posted a column Sunday saying the editorial board's endorsement for N.J. Gov. Chris Christie's re-election was "regrettable."

Moran cites "Bridgegate" as the latest reason.

Christie / FILE PHOTO

He said the editorial board had a "front-row view of what a creep he can be." METRO

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Hullabaloo. Boxing promoter may cancel Zimmerman bout

In a sudden change of heart, former Philadelphia boxer and celebrity boxing mogul Damon Feldman said on Twitter that he was calling off the matchup between George Zimmerman and DMX — but then cast doubt on the announcement, saying he would announce his final decision at a press conference on Tuesday.

"I want to thank everyone for the good n bad comments I've made the choice to cancel the fight w George Zimmermann more to life then money," Feldman tweeted just before 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

However, he then deleted that tweet and said he would "think about it."

Feldman was criticized for arranging the match, which many saw as profiting from the death of Trayvon Martin, 17, whom Zimmerman killed in February 2012 during a controversial altercation. Zimmerman was later acquitted of murder charges.

Feldman defended himself on Twitter by saying at one point that he didn't know the history of Martin's death, and that he hadn't followed the case at the time.

DMX has confirmed the cancellation, reports say.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Celebrity boxing

Previous matchups:

- Tonya Harding, whose ex-husband assaulted her figure skating rival Nancy Kerrigan.
- "Long Island Lolita" Amy Fisher, who shot her married older boyfriend Joey Butafuoco's wife in the face, fought "Octomom" Nadya Suleman.

Vroom, vroom!

Above, visitors race each other with remote-controlled cars at the Philadelphia Auto Show at the Convention Center on Sunday. A child sits on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, left, while a man, inset, enjoys a spin on a high-speed racing simulator. The auto show runs through Feb. 16.

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SEPTA GENERAL MANAGER

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NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS COMING TO SEPTA

Will destination announcements be on the Suburban trolleys, Route 15 trolleys or Norristown High Speed Line cars?

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SEPTA continues to enhance passenger information systems on our various fleets. All of the trolleys serving Southwest Philadelphia Routes 10, 11, 13, 34 and 36 have been upgraded with the capability to make automatic destination announcements both interior and exterior and an upgrade is currently in process for the Routes 101/102 suburban trolleys.

With the influx of funding recently approved by the state, SEPTA will eventually replace its entire trolley fleet. The new trolleys, including the ones used on the Route 15, will have state-of-the-art communication systems installed. We are also evaluating our NHSL fleet and upgrades to the cars' communications systems may be included in future overhaul programs.

Quoted

The new trolleys, including the ones used on the Route 15, will have state-of-the-art communication systems installed.

How come trolley or infrastructure improvements for the Routes 23 and 56 were not added to the capital improvement plan?

TERRILL, NORTH PHILADELPHIA

The Authority has a backlog of $5 billion worth of critical repair needs. The Authority's "Catching Up" Capital Plan provides for the acquisition of new, accessible light rail vehicles (trolleys) for the Subway-Surface routes and Route 15 Girard Avenue trolley and Media/Sharon Hill trolleys to replace the existing trolleys that were acquired more than 30 years ago and the historical PCC trolleys.

In addition, infrastructure improvements will be made to aging facilities. Restoration of trolleys on the Routes 23 and 56 is not part of the capital improvement plan. The Authority must continue to focus on those improvements that are required to bring existing assets to a state-of-good repair. It's a matter of priorities and we simply cannot address all the system's current needs, including system conversions and expansions.

Are there going to be any new paint jobs for SEPTA buses, trolleys and the NHSL anytime soon?

RAYMOND T.L. PHILLIPS, WEST OAK LANE

The appearance of our vehicles — the colors, striping, use of the SEPTA logo — are all part of our corporate branding program. This also appears in stations, transportation centers, our website and other critical customer information resources. Making our multi-modal transit services recognizable for regular riders and new customers is important to sustain our ridership building efforts. With some 2,800 vehicles, 280 stations and almost 30,000 transit stops, changing the SEPTA brand would be an extensive and expensive undertaking. We prefer to allocate our resources to upgrade the vehicle fleet and modernize stations and facilities for our customers. Consequently, there are no plans to change the SEPTA's current color scheme for our vehicles.

Wide load

Two Philly men busted with 26 pounds of pot

Two Philadelphia men pulled over in Delaware for a routine traffic stop were found by state police to be in possession of 26 pounds of marijuana.

Marquis Maddox, 25, and Torrance Lomax, 30, were pulled over in Middletown, Del., around 1:45 p.m. Friday for speeding.

Maddox, who was driving a 2012 Ford Taurus, gave police an invalid license and rental agreement.

Upon searching the vehicle before towing, officers called a K-9 unit to investigate a large sealed box, which had drugs inside.

Both men were charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession with intent to deliver. METRO

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Boehner has doubts

Sen. suggests quick approval, delayed enactment of immigration law

U.S. immigration reforms could be passed now but enacted after President Barack Obama leaves office if Republicans fear he will not enforce the new rules, a key Democratic senator said Sunday, offering a way to achieve one of Obama's main policy objectives.

Last week, Republican House Speaker John Boehner expressed doubts Obama's long-sought overhaul of immigration laws would be passed this year and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell said there was little interest in the issue with congressional elections looming in November.

Boehner said one of the biggest obstacles to immigration reform in the House was a concern that Obama would not fully enforce any laws that might be approved.

On NBC's "Meet the Press" program, Senator Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat and one of chief architects of the Senate's bipartisan immigration plan, offered what he said was a simple solution. REUTERS

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"Let's enact the law this year but simply not let it actually start until 2017 after President Obama's term is over." Schumer

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Same-sex spouses see new legal protections

Gay marriage is currently legal in 17 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. / GETTY IMAGES

Justice Dept. They will provide death and educational benefits through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program.

Same-sex married couples will receive many of the same federal legal protections and benefits as their opposite-sex counterparts under Justice Department guidelines to be issued today, Attorney General Eric Holder said.

The moves will affect procedures in U.S. courtrooms and the aid provided surviving spouses of slain law officers, among other matters.

The policy will "formally instruct all Justice Department employees to give lawful same-sex marriages full and equal recognition, to the greatest extent possible under the law," Holder said in remarks Saturday in New York City.

The change will apply to same-sex couples residing in states where such marriages are not recognized. It also represents the first time the Justice Department has officially interpreted the words "spouse" and "marriage" in federal laws it enforces to apply to same-sex couples.

Under the policy, the Justice Department will recognize that same-sex couples are entitled to the same rights as their opposite-sex counterparts in civil and criminal cases, according to Holder. As a result, Holder said, federal prosecutors won't object if a same-sex spouse declines to provide testimony that might incriminate his or her partner.

Other federal agencies also have made changes following last year's Supreme Court ruling. BLOOMBERG

Backed

52%

In a Gallup Poll released last July, 52 percent of Americans backed laws permitting gay marriage, up from 27 percent in 1996. President Barack Obama, after publicly saying he didn't favor gay marriage, reversed himself in a televised interview in 2012.

Quoted

"As attorney general, I will not let this department be simply a bystander during this important moment in history."

Holder

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Global-warming slowdown due to Pacific winds, study

Stronger Pacific Ocean winds may help explain the slowdown in the rate of global warming since the turn of the century, scientists said. More powerful winds in the past 20 years may be forcing warmer seas deeper and bringing cooler water to the surface, researchers from the U.S. and Australia said Sunday in the journal Nature. That has cooled the average global temperature by as much as 0.2 degree Celsius since 2001. Scientists have been trying to find out why the rate of global warming has eased in the past 20 years while greenhouse-gas emissions have surged to record levels. BLOOMBERG

Positive. Democrats promote Obamacare and work hours drop

Democrats sought to turn the latest controversy over Obamacare and the economy into a positive political message on Sunday by casting an expected decline in American work hours as a boon to worker freedom and family values.

In a new partisan tussle over election messaging that is likely to color this year's congressional mid-term campaign, Democratic lawmakers said a predicted drop in work hours brought about by Obamacare would mean more family time for mothers, more study opportunities for college students and less job stress for older workers. REUTERS

Markets watching

As Yellen makes Fed debut, expect theater, not fireworks

Janet Yellen's first test as chair of the Federal Reserve comes on Tuesday when she faces U.S. lawmakers, some hostile to the central bank, who will want to know how committed she is to winding down the Fed's support for the economy.

With the world's financial markets watching, Yellen, who succeeded Ben Bernanke last week, will have a chance to set a mostly upbeat tone and point to signs of steady economic progress, despite some recent bumps in the road. REUTERS

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Spectators watch the warm-up ahead of the Ladies' Moguls Final 1 on day one of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park on Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

First competitions about 80 percent full, officials say

Safety. Organizers say it's logistical issues, not security concerns keeping people away.

Sochi Olympic organizers say that some visitors didn't make it to their seats in this weekend's opening round of competitions, leaving about 80 percent of tickets used on the initial day of Russia's first Winter Games.

Local organizing committee's spokeswoman Alexandra Kosterina said Saturday that 92 percent of tickets were sold for the Feb. 8 sessions. The Games, which opened on Friday, have been hampered by concerns over possible terrorist attacks and unfinished building projects.

About 30,000 people came to the two Olympic parks on the opening day of competition, she said. The games are organized over two sites about 19 miles apart — one next to the Black Sea where ice events are held, the other in the mountains to host skiing and sliding competitions. The opening day featured action including medals in speedskating, snowboard slopestyle and three other sports.

"We might have lost 10 percent of people who didn't show up," she said during a news conference.

The people with tickets who skipped events did so because of logistical issues, not security concerns, she said.

Russia sent more then 40,000 police and security agents to seal off Sochi until the end of the games. Three blasts killed more than 30 people last year in Volgograd, a city halfway between Moscow and Sochi that's formerly known as Stalingrad. BLOOMBERG

Quoted

"During the first days people are finding out how long it takes to get to the stadium, how long it takes to get through security." Kosterina

More trouble

Russian authorities say Bitcoin illegal

Russian authorities have issued warnings against using Bitcoin, saying the virtual currency could be used for money laundering or financing terrorism and that treating it as a parallel currency is illegal.

"Systems for anonymous payments and cyber currencies that have gained considerable circulation — including the most well-known, Bitcoin — are money substitutes and cannot be used by individuals or legal entities," the Russian Prosecutor General's Office said on Thursday.

It added that Russian law stipulates that the rouble is the sole official currency and that introducing any other monetary units or substitutes was illegal.

Russia's central bank also said on Jan. 27 that Bitcoin trade was highly speculative and that the unit carried a big risk of losing value. REUTERS

Winter Olympics.
US sweeps slopestyle, but flops in downhill

Medal count

	G	S	B	T
1. Norway	2	1	4	7
2. Holland	2	1	1	4
USA	2	0	2	4
Russia	1	2	1	4
Canada	1	2	1	4
6. Austria	1	1	0	2
Sweden	0	2	0	2
Czech R.	0	1	1	2
Italy	0	1	1	2

1 An exuberant **Kamil Stoch** of Poland flew by the competition in men's normal hill ski jumping. No Americans qualified for the final.

2 Germany's **Felix Loch** was equally excited, even if it was old hat for him. Loch won men's singles luge for the second straight Olympics.

3 American **Jamie Anderson** swept snowboard slopestyle for the U.S., winning gold with a 95.25 score in her second run. The U.S.'s Sage Kotsenburg won slopestyle for the men on Day 1.

4 **Meryl Davis** and **Charlie White** of the U.S. continued their ice dancing dominance, winning the free skate in the team competition Sunday. But it was Team Russia who won gold in the overall competition led by 15-year-old sensation Yulia Lipnitskaya, with the U.S. taking bronze.

5 **Bode Miller** was a bust in the men's downhill, finishing eighth despite dominating in practice. Austria's Matthias Mayer won gold. Travis Ganong (fifth) was the highest-finishing American.

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"When the seagulls follow the trawler, it's because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea."

Shia LaBeouf, pretending to be very deep indeed

Shia LaBeouf is going through a meltdown

Welcome to the deep end, Shia LaBeouf.

The actor, who has had quite the time of it these past few months with the Daniel Clowes plagiarism scandal (in December it was announced that LaBeouf's new short film, "HowardCantour.com," was basically lifted from a comic by the "Ghost World" author), is racking up more weirdness points after showing up at a press conference for "Nymphomaniac" in Berlin on Sunday looking filthy, "missing a lower tooth," and then storming out after saying a nonsensical quote. Oh, and then he later showed up on the red carpet with a bag on his head.

Per The Hollywood Reporter, LaBeouf appeared next to his co-stars Christian Slater and Uma Thurman beat up, dirty and, yes, missing a tooth. Someone then asked him this softball question: "What did he think about doing a movie with so many sex scenes?" He paused several beats then replied, "When the seagulls follow the trawler, it's because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea. Thank you very much." He then left the room while his co-stars looked on.

At first, everyone thought that LaBeouf actually said something not plagiarized for once but that dream was quickly erased when some savvy journos found out it was a line from the 2009 film "Looking for Eric."

He then showed up on the red carpet later with the bag on his head.

Look, LaBeouf. We're not sure what is going on here other than we've already gone through the antics of Joaquin Phoenix and that is enough for one decade. It is just so painful when someone who is not deep nor intellectual tries really hard to appear deep and intellectual, right?

Talking points

CHRIS MARTIN ISN'T CALIFORNIA DREAMING.

Martin is miserable in LA

Chris Martin has reportedly been miserable since moving with wife Gwyneth Paltrow to Los Angeles so that she could be closer to friends and family, according to Radar Online. "Chris has told Gwyneth he wants to move back to his native England with their two children, Apple and Moses, once the school year is over," a source says. "He hasn't been happy living in Los Angeles because Chris just isn't into the Hollywood scene. Chris now recognizes that Gwyneth doesn't need to be living in Los Angeles for her career."

Tax woes for Jackson family

According to the IRS, Michael Jackson's estate severely undervalued the singer's worth at the time of his death, and now they are looking for the family to pay up — to the tune of $702 million. Jackson's estate initially placed the late singer's worth at $7 million, stating the value of his likeness was a mere $2,105 and the value of his interest in his music as well as The Beatles' catalog was a big zero. But the IRS puts his likeness at $434 million and his interest in the catalogs at $469 million.

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'The X Factor' gets X'd

See ya later, "The X Factor."

Fox announced on Friday that the reality singing competition is toast after its third season. The timing was very suspect with host Simon Cowell announcing earlier that day he will be leaving the show to return to the much more popular U.K. version.

So was Cowell just saving face by exiting a sinking ship before he could be blamed? Or did Fox think they couldn't continue the failing show without him? In any case, 12 years of Simon Cowell in the U.S. seems just like enough.

Bye-bye, Simon Cowell

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NYFW fall 2014 gets cozy

Fashion Week diary

Follow our editors' diaries as they take you behind the scenes of NYFW.

Friday

12 p.m.
In contrast to a runway show, presentations are a laid-back affair. Models line up and editors and buyers walk around analyzing the collection — hopefully, with a glass of champagne in hand, as is the case at **Kate Spade** today.

12:10 p.m.
And lest you think the models are being tortured, an assistant is currently walking around offering each one water and candy. Yes, candy. A sugar rush puts you in the perfect state of being for Kate Spade's fall collection, which exudes girly delight. Deborah Lloyd cites a recent trip to Tokyo as her starting point, and the electric lights of the city are seen in a section of brights such as the vibrant blue topper coat with grass green trousers and, more literally, on a clutch with the words "Hello, Tokyo" written in multi-colors. As I walk through, I notice all the latest runway trends: polka dots, feathers, jeweled appliques. Only this irresistible collection will be more wallet-friendly than its runway contemporaries. Take note, ladies! **TINA CHADHA**

The scene

Kate Spade

Waiters pass out bubbly, skewers with berries, canapes and mini eclairs to the delight of starved editors (no one has time to eat during this crazy week) who are catching up with fellow fashion friends and, of course, Instagramming away. Models standing still make our job so much easier.

- **The playlist:** Upbeat dance music — one model literally busts out all her club moves.
- **Major trends:** Feathers, navy, leopard, jeweled blouses, the bucket hat
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** You can look ladylike and have fun too.

Kate Spade

5:30 p.m.
I'm really curious to know what cultural references **Rag & Bone** creative directors Marcus Wainwright and David Neville had for this collection. The names embroidered on the back of Joan Smalls and Georgia May Jagger's bowling jackets are pure 1950s, "Happy Days" kitsch. Meanwhile, the knits look very Cosby sweater-ish, with a little '90s, Biggie Smalls and "Coogi sweater now" mixed in. And yet, the collection doesn't feel retro. Instead, it looks like a natural extension of the cool, urban uniform they've already established in past seasons with a range of tailoring in paint splattered graphics, slouchy silk dresses and shaggy, textured outerwear in plaids and checks. All the layering, wool and shearling is so polar vortex-appropriate. These are exactly the kinds of things a girl would want to wear right now. **KENYA HUNT**

The scene

Rag & Bone

A sea of black and gray, made up of "it" bloggers galore (Leandra Medine, The Blonde Salad's Chiara Ferragni, Hanneli Mustaparta, etc.) and power editors

- **The playlist:** Dancehall ruled the pre-show, but then it was all high-energy instrumentals.
- **Major trends:** Shaggy outerwear, loose grunge-inspired layering
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** You'll want your coats and jackets nubby.

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Fashion Week diary continued

Saturday

12:20 p.m.
An attention-grabbing man has just tried to streak the runway, wearing only a G-string. Drama! But the guy (a protestor? animal rights activist? stray crazy?) barely captures our attention because we're all too busy scrutinizing **Prabal**'s artful reinventions of the trouser suit, which he's slashed, twisted and draped to beautiful effect, and his many multi-layered Mongolian wool, fur and silk looks. When a collection has the power to overshadow a naked running man, you know you've done good.

12:45 p.m.
I'm backstage and staring at Prabal's mood board, with its photographs of Tibetan men and women dressed in traditional garb in deep reds. The slouchy, elegant ease of his collection makes sense. On the one hand, the work has a dressiness that seems to have carried over from the hyper-feminine glamour he showed last season — and yet these clothes were completely different. In short: The relaxed shapes of his slouchy trousers, draped skirts and oversized outerwear look much easier to have on than the 1950s pin-up corsets and wiggle skirts that defined spring '14. And all of this new wearability shows technical and creative growth, with the elaborate wrapping, draping and swaddling echoing the traditional chubas worn by the villagers in Mustang, Nepal, that served as his original point of inspiration. It's his best collection to date. **KH**

Jason Wu

"This was my rich bitch," one editor quoted Jason Wu as saying after the show. And the collection did have a certain kind of tony polish to it that we've come to expect from him. These were also serious clothes for the real-life Olivia Popes of the world, grown women who run things, whether it be the first lady or a member of a C-suite — the kind of women who fill their closets with Ralph, Calvin and Armani.

Not that the collection felt conservative; in fact, it was the opposite. Wu managed to make outerwear sexy (see his lithe zipper embellished jacket), pairing his range of coats with '90s slip dresses. Other decades that surfaced included the '30s and '40s. KH

The scene

Prabal Gurung

Anna Wintour, Karolina Kurkova, Carolina Herrera, Hailee Steinfeld and a slew of editors, stylists and agents

- **The major trends:** Layering, contrasting textures, shaggy furs
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** Pay zero attention to the street-style set braving the cold in bare legs and sandals; warm, chunky layers is where it's at.

Backstage, Prabal is talking about diversity on the runway. "It's a shame that this is still an issue," he tells longtime model advocate Bethann Hardison. But his runway casting, which included Ophelie Guillermand, Malaika Firth, Maria Borges, Ming Xi, Tilda Lindstam, Binx Walton and Sharam Diniz, proves that it's possible to show a wide range of beauty in a way that feels organic, rather than forced.

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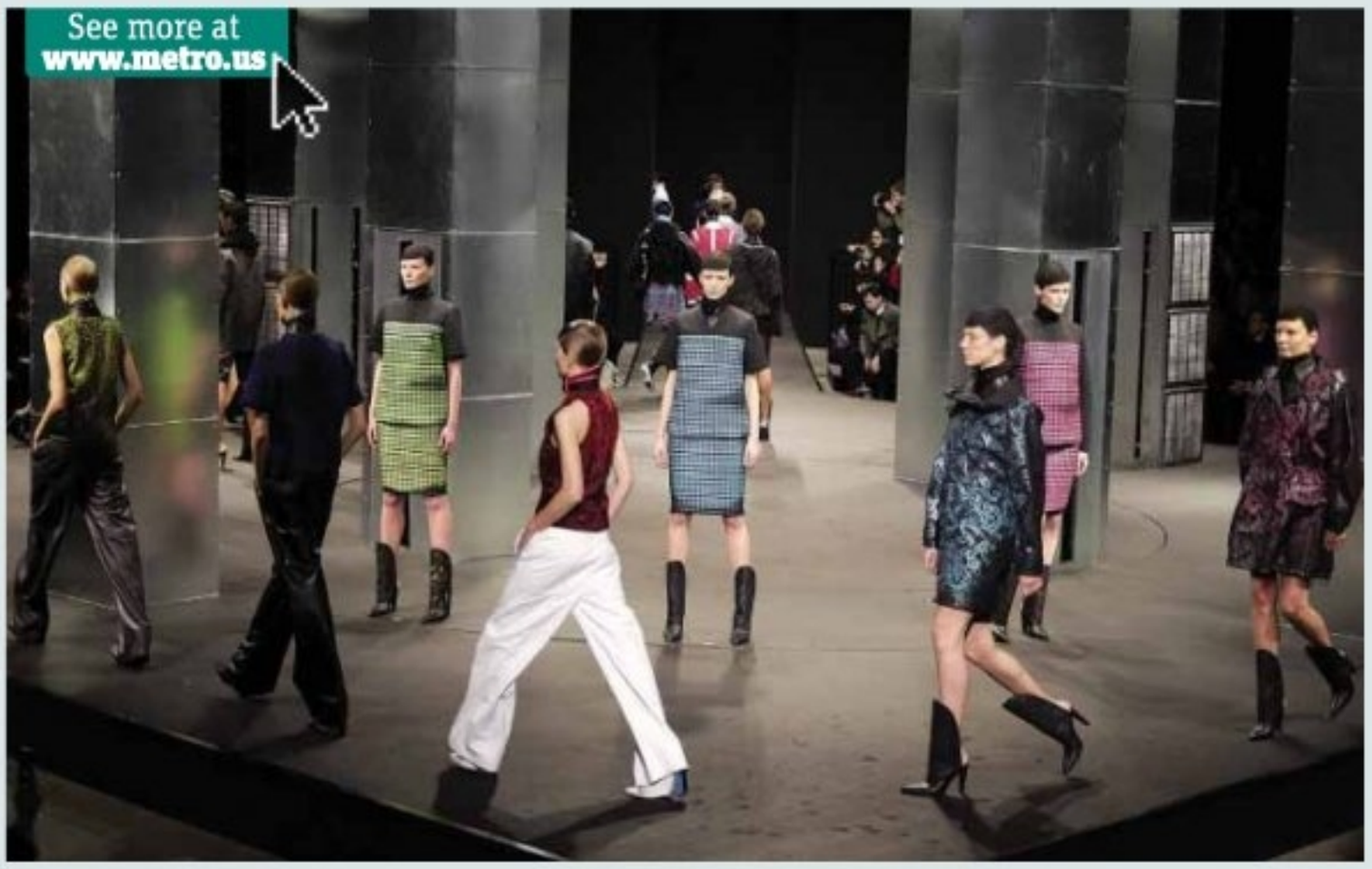
The scene

Alexander Wang

3001: A Brooklyn Space Odyssey

- The major trends: Plays on texture, bold colors, deconstructed work wear
- The scene: Every major editor, stylist, blogger, insider-type, per usual
- The playlist: Bass-heavy instrumentals and a remix of "Get Like Me," by Nelly and Pharrell Williams
- **What this will mean for your wardrobe:** A new direction for work wear, which could look sportier and more urban.



8:35 p.m.
"I don't like being trapped in situations like this," the driver mutters as we slowly make our way through the Brooklyn Navy Yard to **Alexander Wang**'s show. It feels like foreshadowing. The runway venue is deep in the compound, and I can't imagine how we're going to get out once the show ends.

8:50 p.m.
Inside, Beyonce's "Partition" is playing — owwwww. The show venue doesn't look hugely different from the elaborate sets Alexander Wang staged at the various piers in Manhattan where he's shown before. People are carrying flasks emblazoned with the Alexander Wang logo, gifts being given out at the bar. I'm sure they'll come in handy at his after-party later tonight, but so far I see nothing particularly earth-shattering to warrant the far-out show location. The only thing groundbreaking about the night so far is the fact that this is all happening in Brooklyn in the first place.

9:10 p.m.
Karlie Kloss, Joan Smalls, Jourdan Dunn and co. are rotating on a giant, moving disk in the middle of the runway, wearing bold paisley shearling jackets and Bermuda shorts in what appears to be a leather-like textile that changes colors as they move. In print that sounds gimmicky, but on the runway it looks technically impressive and cool. The entire collection, with all of its techy, inventive interpretations of work wear (a charcoal gray knee-length trouser suit with a neon green parka, a string of shearling jackets done in a waffle-like texture), feels like a peek at the future. I see this and think of Christopher Kane's squidgy gel embellished dresses from fall '11 or, as a colleague points out, any number of Nicholas Ghesquiere's Space Agey moments. And it feels like a transformative moment for Wang; this isn't a designer who people can just dismiss as the guy who does the model-off-duty jeans and tees. And the shoes — thigh-high rubber waders with white soles and mule boots that stretch up to the knees — are contenders for next season's street-style trophy accessory.

9:51 p.m.
It turns out that driver's comment was foreshadowing. We're all trapped in traffic and live-tweeting our experiences. Steven Kolb sums it up best: "Last one to leave #Brooklyn please turn off the lights." KH

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8 P.M., CNBC

REALITY

'The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'

Kim continues to harass Lisa for not attending her daughter's graduation party. Get over it, Kim; you're being weird. Also, Lisa is too busy with two Bravo shows to attend a teen's party. **8 P.M., BRAVO**
ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

REALITY

'The Bachelor'

The playing field narrows! Tonight, just eight women are left to compete for the grand prize: getting married to a man they hardly know. Juan Pablo and the hopeful ladies travel to New Zealand to engage in completely normal dating activities, like an extreme sports competition — you know, the usual. **8 P.M., ABC**

Only eight women remain in the battle to win this random dude's heart. / ABC, CRAIG SJODIN

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Apparently Batman, as seen in "The Lego Movie," is box office gold. Who knew? / WARNER BROS. PICTURE

Box office. Everything is awesome for 'The Lego Movie,' at least

"The Lego Movie," an animated film based on the colorful plastic children's blocks, snapped up $69.1 million in ticket sales to top weekend box office charts, easily beating the George Clooney World War II film "The Monuments Men."

"The Monuments Men," which also stars Matt Damon, Bill Murray and John Goodman, was second with $22.7 million in sales at U.S. and Canadian theaters. The film is based on the true story of U.S. soldiers who rescued art masterpieces from Nazi thieves.

After three consecutive weeks in the top spot, the Kevin Hart-Ice Cube comedy "Ride Along" took third with $9.4 million, according to data supplied by Rentrak.

"The Lego Movie" won lavish praise from critics as inventive and funny, with 112 of 118 critics giving it a "fresh" rating on the movie review site Rotten Tomatoes, and far surpassed average industry projections of an opening weekend around $50 million.

"The Monuments Men" received mixed reviews from critics and was moved back from its original December 18 release date for additional post-production work and editing. The film was written and directed by Clooney.

The weekend's only other major new release, "Vampire Academy," based on the first book in the "Vampire Academy" series by fantasy author Richelle Mead, opened in the No. 7 spot with $4.1 million in sales, according to studio estimates.

Rounding out the top five, Disney's long-running musical "Frozen" took fourth place with $6.9 million, while "That Awkward Moment" was fifth, collecting $5.5 million in sales. "Frozen" has racked up $369 million since its November debut.

"Lone Survivor," the tale of four U.S. Navy SEALs who run into an ambush in Afghanistan, was sixth with sales of $5.3 million. It has generated $112.6 million over seven weeks. **REUTERS**

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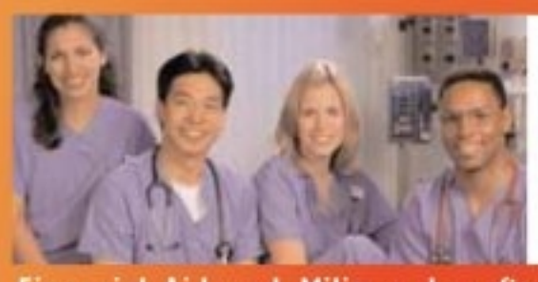
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‘DIE, MONSTER, DIE!’ TURNS H.P. LOVECRAFT INTO DRIVE-IN TRASH

‘Die, Monster, Die!’

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Despite being one of the preeminent horror writers, H.P. Lovecraft has been rewarded with too few notable film adaptations. His work is filled with creeping insinuations, choking mood, deep conspiracies and — the main problem — too few thrills. That didn’t stop sleaze titans Roger Corman and Samuel Arkoff. Starting with 1960’s “House of Usher,” the pair hit wild success turning the work of Edgar Allan Poe into a run of faux-tony (read: still cheap and lurid) horrors, usually with Vincent Price.

They must have figured Lovecraft would be next, and so came 1965’s “Die, Monster, Die!,” very loosely based on his short “The Colour Out of Space.” Little of it is particularly Lovecraftian, and the film tries to hammer the author into a more familiar horror movie shape. Nick Adams plays an American who visits the creepy English mansion of a wheelchaired (and very grumpy) Boris Karloff, who likes to retire to the basement to do vague experiments with a glowing green source.

The film does its best to dilute its source into something a 1960s teen could enjoy, and this faithlessness is its downfall and its salvation: It’s a so-so Lovecraft movie (albeit better than most) but absolutely serviceable trash.

Boris Karloff stars in “Die, Monster, Die!” / SHOUT! FACTORY

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‘The Square’

The grassroots Egyptian revolution that began in 2011 is still going, so there will one day be a distanced, purely expository (and frankly pretty dry) doc about the whole thing. Until then, there’s current Oscar nominee “The Square,” which may already be dated, but feels very much in the moment, due to it featuring footage shot during protests.

“THE SQUARE” / NETFLIX

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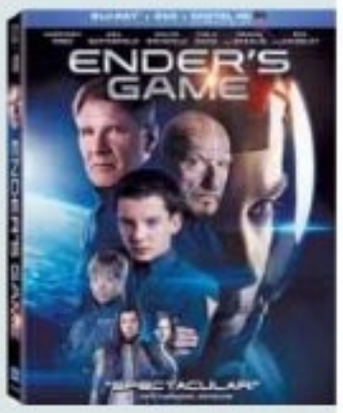

‘Ender’s Game’

Remorseless homophobe (and sci-fi writer) Orson Scott Card tried to ease an increasingly non-homophobic country’s anxieties by saying he wouldn’t see any profits from this adaptation of his 1985 signature novel, about kids sculpted into warriors against an alien foe. Of course, he still gets money from book sales. So if you must, see the (not bad, not very good) movie, instead of reading the book.

‘Death Wish’

Novelist Brian Garfield wrote “Death Wish” as a subtle critique of vigilante violence. The movie ignored his subtleties, instead giving us Charles Bronson at his mustachiest as a liberal architect turned annihilator of creeps.

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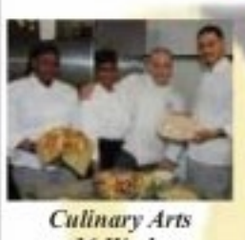
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Misconduct

Krishna Pattabhi Jois

Jois died in 2009 and was accused of inappropriate adjustments/touching of students in his ashtanga classes.

Yoga sex scandals

Ethics. They're as old as yoga itself, but new rules say not to hook up with students.

Despite yoga's strong ties to spirituality, famous yogis often become something like rock stars to their disciples, enjoying power, adulation, money — and sex. In recent scandals, the latter comes in the form of abuse.

Even if teachers and participants in a yoga class are adults, the instructor/student relationship is inherently susceptible to an abuse of power — particularly if the instructor is considered a spiritual "guru."

Meditating on your teacher's hot bod? Might not be the best idea.
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Swami Muktananda

Although he claimed to be celibate and endorsed sexual abstinence to his followers, the guru reportedly molested and raped young girls in a secret-ish sex lair equipped with an apparatus that witnesses likened to a "gynecologist's table" in his ashram in India. Muktananda, who died in 1982, was also accused of intimidating and even beating followers.

Kausthub Desikachar

Four women from the European Krishnamacharya Healing and Yoga Foundation Yoga Therapist Training filed formal complaints with Austrian police in 2002, accusing Desikachar of sexual, mental and emotional abuse. The North America KHYF sent a notice to members stating, "The allegations include the misuse of his position as a yoga mentor by utilizing his knowledge of personal histories of sexual and emotional trauma in an attempt to initiate sexual relations."

Yogi Bhajan

Bhajan lied to his followers about his former station in India before coming to the U.S. in 1969, claimed he could see into the future and was accused of infidelity and rape. Bhajan died in 2002.

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The cases

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Bikram Choudhury

Lady Gaga and George Clooney are among his practitioners, but five other students of Choudhury's "hot yoga" are suing him for rape, claiming he used his guru status to intimidate and take advantage of them. His accusers also contend that Choudhury punished them when they refused his advances, rewarded male teachers who brought him women who were easy to manipulate and did creepy things such as brag of his "72-hour marathon sex sessions" during lectures.

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Tech. A new site helps students run the numbers.

It's a complicated and expensive world out there for students searching for the right college. As technology revolutionizes everything from textbooks to professorships, a new website just out of beta testing looks to help students' college dollars stretch further.

With Plus-U.com, students and their parents calculate their ROE — return on education — to make sure that the price tag of an acceptance letter will be worth it in the long run.

Using student surveys, data from the Department of Education and average salaries, Plus-U points would-be college attendees toward schools that match their specifications for things like location and culture as well.

The site considers students' interests as well as their wallets. /PROVIDED

Dollars and sense

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Plus-U is offering a $10,000 college scholarship to a student who can tell them exactly how a college degree will change his or her life in 200 words. For more information and to enter, head to www.plus-u.com.

As the parent of a high school sophomore, Tom O'Keefe wants to think ahead about his daughter Reegan's college opportunities. "I think it's pretty overwhelming. The first thing you feel is a little bit of fear, because of the expense," he says of the search for a college education that won't lead to mountains of debt. Reegan's interest in science and math led them to consider nursing schools. Reegan, for her part, says the site helped her discover colleges that she hadn't considered. "I like envisioning myself in college," she says, "it's an exciting part of your life" — especially for a promising student like Reegan, who is quick to remind her dad that she speaks three languages, not two.

The site's focus on the bottom line is a big draw for families looking for more than a cash-strapped future. Brad McMahon, the site's senior vice president, says that Plus-U will refine as it expands: "As we get more data and specifically tie [in] where students go to school, graduate, etc., our matching models and algorithm will improve."

College can come with a scary price tag — calculating the return on education just might make sure it's worth it.

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Eat well on a student budget

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Yum. Living on a shoestring doesn't mean you have to survive on ramen.

If it's true that we are what we eat, we can't really afford to not make smart decisions when it comes to food. But on a student budget, things can get a little tricky. It can actually be quite easy to eat well while hitting the books if you follow these simple suggestions:

Track your total

You've probably noticed that the cost of the contents of your shopping cart can add up quickly. To avoid being surprised at the cash register, keep track of what your total will be as you add each item to your cart or basket. Use the calculator on your phone so you can see which items are worth bringing to the table.

Choose health

Begin shopping by circling the store's perimeter, where the produce, bakery, meat and dairy sections are. Fill your cart with fresh foods (choosing items that are on sale when possible). The food in the aisles is usually more processed, less nutritious and often more expensive, though there are exceptions. For example, lentils, beans and other legumes, as well as brown rice, barley, steel-cut oats and other whole grains, are extremely healthy, filling and inexpensive food choices. Your wallet and body will benefit.

Buy in bulk

More often than not, choosing the largest size of something is the cheapest option. Think: family-sized cereals, large bags of potatoes, onions and carrots and big bags of rice for example. Buy in bigger quantities when possible. If you're only shopping for one, try splitting purchases with roommates or friends. And when non-perishable items (like canned vegetables, beans, pasta and pasta sauce, cereals, crackers, flour and nuts, for example) go on sale, stock up. It will mean a slightly larger up-front cost, but you'll be saving yourself money in the long run.

Put it on ice

Your freezer is your best friend — seriously. A fantastic way to save money (and time) while eating well is by cooking in large batches and

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Tip

Plan ahead

Before heading to the store, make a list of what you plan to buy. Your shopping list should include staples and items that are on sale or in-season. If you have the time, you can visit multiple grocery stores to take advantage of sales at each place. If that's not an option, pick the store that usually has good deals. Know what you are able to spend before you start shopping and match it to your list in order to avoid impulse buys.

Getting good at saving money as a student can mean big payoffs long-term. / COLOURBOX

freezing portions of what you make. Doing this not only means that you'll always have ready-made meals on hand, but you'll also save on preparation and clean-up time and can take advantage of sales on vegetables, beans and meats. Soups, stews, curries and braised meat dishes freeze especially well and are forgiving to cooking mistakes. So instead of using your precious freezer space to store frozen pizzas and other grocery store garbage, spend just a few hours each week cooking and divide up the finished product. You can use half of the things you make for your meals that week and freeze the rest, so you can spend more time hitting the books and less time chopping veggies.

Buy smart

There are dozens of websites and blogs filled with easy, healthy recipes that use low-cost ingredients. Remember, vegetarian meals in particular are usually more inexpensive to make. But most importantly, don't forget that saving money doesn't mean cutting corners on flavor! **RIANA TOPAN**

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Globe-trotting on the company's dime can be more fun than banking it yourself — just make sure you do the research. / ERIC AUDRAS, PHOTOALTO

Travel. Sometimes, seeing the world can earn you a paycheck too.

Working abroad starts with a dream, some big questions and plenty of research. Here's how you can start:

Do your research

You can literally spend hours, days, even months learning all the details of your perfect destination — but there is no such thing as the perfect city. To find the right match, there are a few things you should dedicate some serious time to researching.

1 Work visas and permits
Paperwork is the less sexy part of working abroad, but it's a vital step, and it takes time. Consider the length of time you want to spend at your ideal international assignment. Don't be discouraged if your dream destination isn't an option. Embracing the unexpected is a big part of working overseas.

2 Language skills
Look into the local language of your dream destination and be realistic about your own skills. The world is getting smaller and language skills on your résumé could prove to be a competitive advantage. Just make sure you're willing to learn.

3 Learn from people in the know
One of the best and most in-depth ways to investigate whether your dream destination will fulfill your objectives is to ask those who have gone before you. Seek out pros working in your field of interest. Set up informational interviews to learn their story. Ask how the experience changed them and what it added to their career. Reach out on social media and mine expat networks.

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Search your soul

Ask some questions

Craft a vivid picture of where you want to work and how you want to live by answering the following questions (be honest):

- What intrigues me most about living and working abroad?
- How could the experience enhance my skills?
- What types of people do I want to be around?
- What type of work do I get energized about?
- After work, what do I want to do to have fun and relax?

Look at your answers. There you can see what sparks your interest. Observe the trends in your thoughts and desires, then leap into the next phase.

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♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your opinions are best kept to yourself if you want to avoid misunderstandings. Remaining quiet will give you the chance to strategize.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. A sure way to boost your spirits is to get together with friends and enjoy a pleasant trip or activity.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Change is needed in your life. Make your feelings known, and collaborate with friends or co-workers to achieve the improvements you desire.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You can avoid a challenging situation if you make a plan that allows you to act independently, away from pack mentality.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Spend your day doing things that make you happy. Keeping on top of personal needs will help decrease your stress.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your leadership qualities will complement your skills in terms of what you have to offer a group, project or cause.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You will be frustrated if you rely on others to help you get ahead. Use your own means and methods to forge a successful path, and pay attention to detail and the fine print.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You are an intelligent and gifted individual. However, doubts and indecision will hold you back.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's time to get back to a strict routine and a proper diet. Taking care of your health is important.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Today will be emotionally taxing, requiring everything you've got. Don't be upset by criticism — take it as a chance to make improvements.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Be aware of the events happening around you. Take an opportunity to make a decision that will turn a negative into a positive. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Reports on Kerry not balanced

Re: 'Kerry is reluctant "star" of spoof by Israeli settlers' (Metro, Feb. 7) Twice in one week Metro focused on Israeli criticism of Secretary of State Kerry's peace proposals. The latest article detailed a YouTube video by a private Israeli settler group that spoofed Kerry. Meanwhile, for the past few weeks, senior figures in the Palestinian Authority have bashed Kerry's ideas as "dangerous" and "extortion." Anti-Kerry protests in Ramallah and Bethlehem have been frequent, with chants of "Kerry, you coward, you have no room in Palestine." The PA does not allow dissent, so these protests were approved at the highest levels. It seems Metro, Reuters and other news services think it unimportant to report on the problematic nature of Palestinian politics. I think it's important that mainstream news consumers get a more balanced picture.
DANIEL BROOKS, VIA EMAIL

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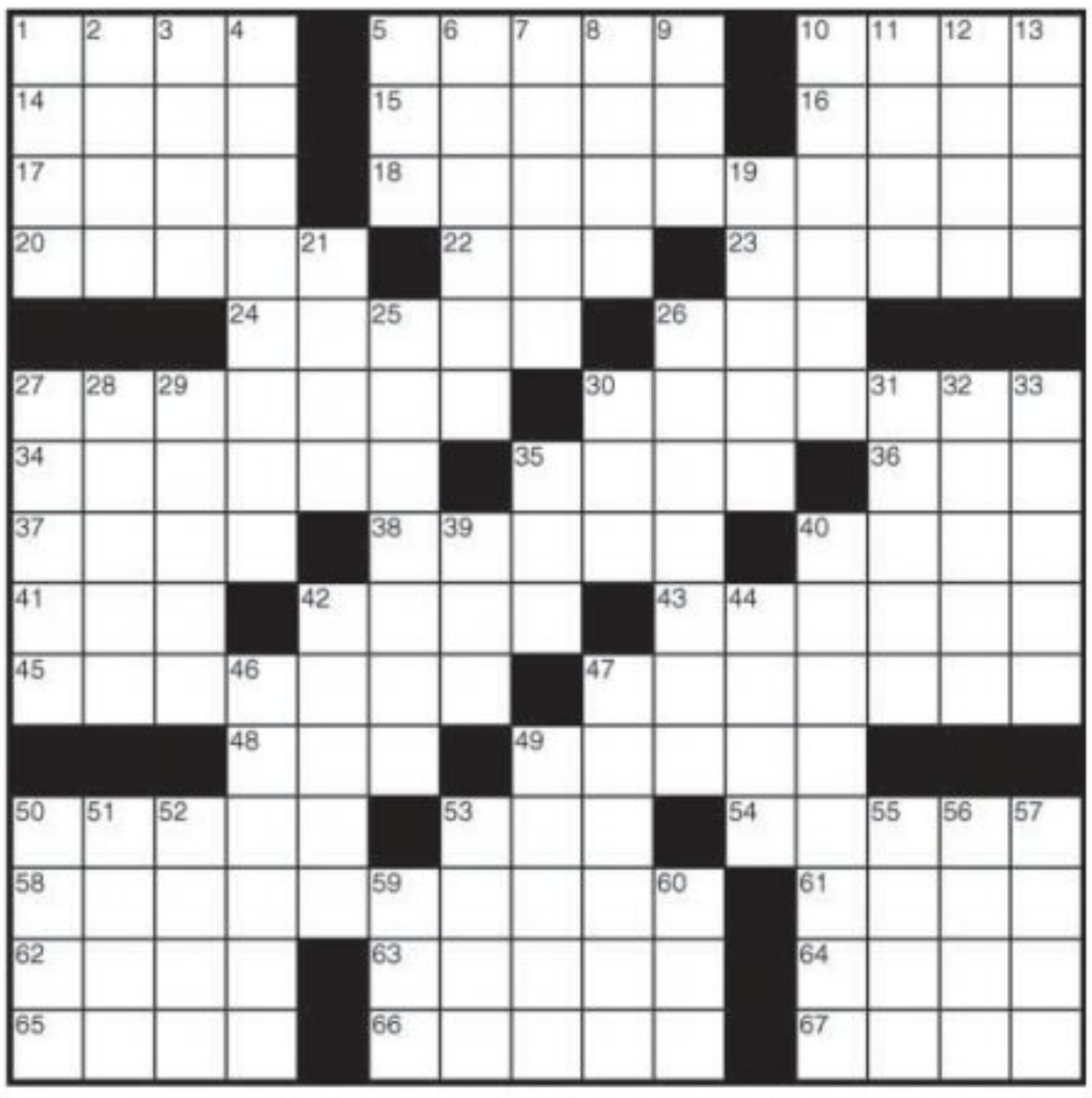

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NFL draft prospect states he's gay

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Men's hockey Sochi Olympics preview

Hockey's marquee tournament gets underway in two days. We break down all the contenders for gold.

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The best hockey in the world may not come in the NHL every spring, but instead every four years in the Olympics.

Fans of the sport are already excited for what could be the best men's hockey tournament ever. The United States and Canada are ready to reprise one of the most historic hockey games ever from Vancouver, while the home team, Russia, has the weight of a nation on its back.

The tournament gets underway Wednesday — the United States first plays a day later — in Sochi, so here's a primer of what to expect from each country.

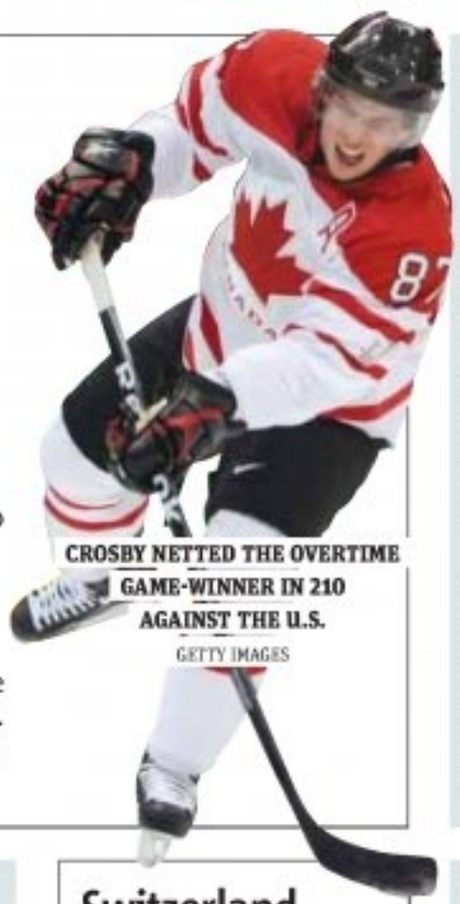
Canada

Vancouver finish: Gold

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, noon, Norway
Feb. 14, noon, Austria
Feb. 16, noon, Finland

Names to know: C Sidney Crosby (Penguins), C John Tavares (Islanders), C Jonathan Toews (Blackhawks), G Roberto Luongo (Canucks)

Outlook: Nothing less than a repeat gold is expected, and they have the best player (Crosby). But goaltending will be the big question mark.



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Slovakia

Vancouver finish: 4th

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m., USA
Feb. 15, 3 a.m., Slovenia
Feb. 16, 7:30 a.m., Russia

Names to know: D Zdeno Chara (Bruins), RW Marian Hossa (Blackhawks), G Jaroslav Halak (Blues)

Outlook: The dark-horse of the tournament has the most physical defenseman and a goaltender in Halak who is 24-8-4 this season.

Slovenia

Vancouver finish: DNQ

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m., Russia
Feb. 15, 3 a.m., Slovakia
Feb. 16, 7:30 a.m., USA

Name to know: C Anze Kopitar (Kings), LW Tomas Razinger

Outlook: Slovenia is not realistically going to medal, but Kopitar is one of the best young players in the NHL and it is nice to see his team make its Olympic debut. The 26-year-old has 47 points this year.

A VERY YOUNG LUNDQVIST WON GOLD FOR SWEDEN IN 2006 IN TURIN.
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Sweden

Vancouver finish: 5th

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 12, noon, CZE
Feb. 14, 7:30 a.m., SUI
Feb. 15, noon, Latvia

Names to know: RW Daniel Alfredsson (Red Wings), G Henrik Lundqvist (Rangers)

Outlook: If Lundqvist plays to his ability (better than for the Rangers in 2013-14), they have the offense to win a medal.

Switzerland

Vancouver finish: 8th

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 12, noon, Latvia
Feb. 14, 7:30 a.m., SWE
Feb. 15, noon, CZE

Names to know: D Mark Streit (Flyers), G Jonas Hiller (Ducks), W Nino Niederreiter (Wild)

Outlook: The Swiss are scrappy though not expected to medal. They have the NHL talent to sneak out of Group C.

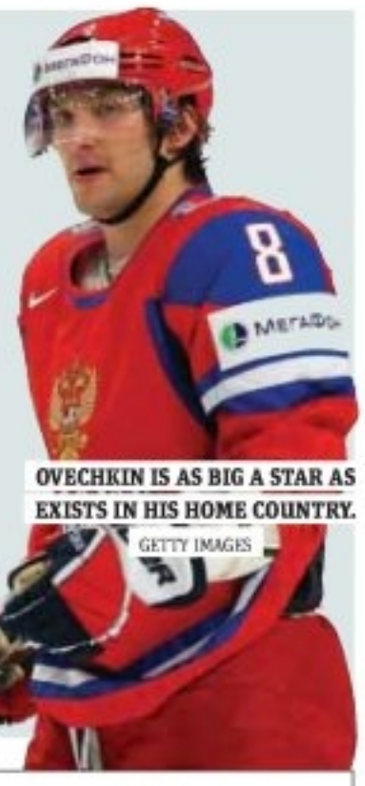
Russia

Vancouver finish: 6th

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m., Slovenia
Feb. 15, 7:30 a.m., USA
Feb. 16, 7:30 a.m., Slovakia

Names to know: RW Alex Ovechkin (Capitals), C Evgeni Malkin (Penguins)

Outlook: The fans are giving Russia no option other than gold after a disappointing showing in 2010. But they need to outscore everyone.



OVECHKIN IS AS BIG A STAR AS EXISTS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY.
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Czech Republic

Vancouver finish: 7th

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 12, noon, Sweden
Feb. 14, 3 a.m., Latvia
Feb. 15, noon, SUI

Name to know: RW Jaromir Jagr (Devils), RW Jakub Voracek (Flyers)

Outlook: The Czechs won bronze in 2006 and could sneak onto the podium again.

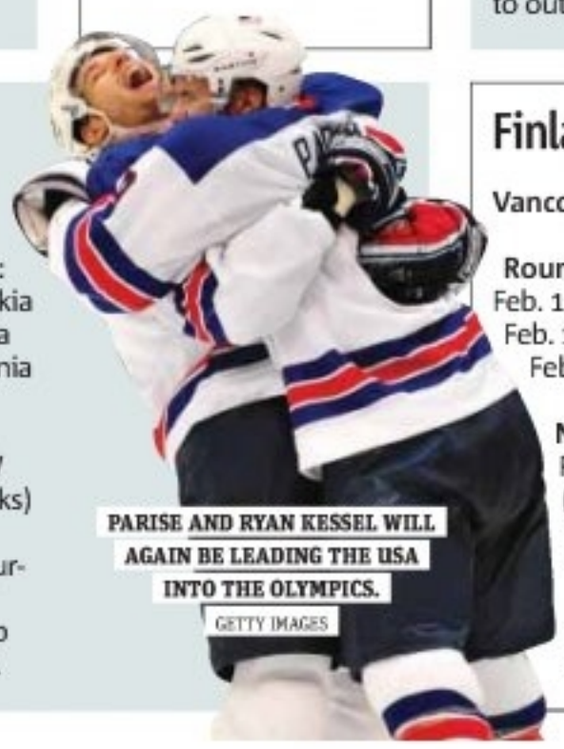
United States

Vancouver finish: Silver

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, 7:30 a.m., Slovakia
Feb. 15, 7:30 a.m., Russia
Feb. 16, 7:30 a.m., Slovenia

Names to know: LW Zach Parise (Wild), RW Patrick Kane (Blackhawks)

Outlook: One of the tourney's deepest group of goalies needs to step up like Ryan Miller in 2010.



PARISE AND RYAN KESSEL WILL AGAIN BE LEADING THE USA INTO THE OLYMPICS.
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Finland

Vancouver finish: Bronze

Round robin schedule:
Feb. 13, 3 a.m., Austria
Feb. 14, noon, Norway
Feb. 16, noon, Canada

Names to know: RW Teemu Selanne (Ducks), G Tuukka Rask (Bruins), C Olli Jokinen (Jets)

Outlook: The Fins are one epic Rask run from winning a shocking gold medal. If you're going against the U.S., Russia or Canada to win, Finland is your best option.

TUUKKA RASK
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Flyers forward Jakub Voracek will trade in the orange-and-black for the colors of his home country the Czech Republic for two weeks as Olympic hockey begins this week. / GETTY IMAGES

As Olympic hockey starts, Flyers watch

NHL. The Flyers' solid play lately has put them back in the playoff picture.

The NHL standings are now frozen in time for the next two and a half weeks. The Flyers, having climbed to seventh in the East and just five points out of third following Saturday's 2-1 win over a the Flames.

They say that will surely give them a boost when they return Feb. 27 to host San Jose, continuing a stretch where they'll play 13 of 17 games on home ice through the end of March. While they're naturally concerned about losing their edge during the hiatus, they welcome the opportunity to get some needed rest, many of them taking off for the Caribbean.

And then there's Mark Streit, Andrej Meszaros, Jake Voracek, Kimmo Timonen and Michael Raffl, who should just about be arriving in Sochi any minute. None of them are favored to bring home a medal, but funny things can happen when you're playing for your country under the Olympic rings.

Flyers in the Olympics

Five Flyers will compete in the Olympic hockey tournament in Sochi:

- Mart Streit, Switzerland
- Jakub Voracek, Czech Republic
- Andrej Meszaros, Slovakia
- Kimmo Timonen, Finland
- Michael Raffl, Austria

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"It's a skating team. We have a lot of speed. It's one of our biggest assets." Streit

"I think we have a good mix between the older and younger guys," said the 36-year-old Streit, who'll be playing in his third Olympics for Switzerland. "It's a skating team. We have a lot of speed. It's one of our biggest assets."

Unlike the top teams, the Swiss won't be comprised strictly of NHL players, which may give them an advantage on the larger Olympic ice.

Meszaros' Slovakia beat both Russia and Sweden on its way to the semifinals in Vancouver. The dream ended there when they fell to eventual champion Canada, then blew a 3-1 lead vs. Timonen and Finland in the bronze medal game.

He knows it will be tough getting back to that level, due to some key injuries on the defense.

"We have a different group this year," said Meszaros. "It's going to be tough, but you never know in these tournaments."

If not Switzerland or Slovakia, perhaps Timonen's Finns or Voracek's Czechs could surprise us.

Look for Timonen to be checking Raffl when Finland takes on Austria. Then there's the Streit-Voracek matchup.

"I think guys are obviously real interested," said Brayden Schenn. "We'll be rooting on our teammates and rooting on our country. So I think guys will pay close attention."

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Temple basketball continues to slide

NCAA. The Owls comeback attempt fell short Sunday in a loss to Houston.

There are a few positive things that the Temple men's basketball team can take away from its 88-74 loss at Houston Sunday afternoon — like the fact that they turned a 20-point second half deficit to just five points in four minutes. Sophomore Devontae Watson had his first career double-double (11 points and 10 rebounds), a good sign that Temple's young core is progressing.

But when a team allows a 22-2 run in the first half, it is hard to really feel very good about a losing effort.

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Will Cummings and the rest of the Owls have been unable to adjust to the AAC. / GETTY IMAGES

Unrelenting schedule

The Owls have an incredibly tough stretch ahead of them.

- Temple hosts Louisville Thursday, SMU Sunday afternoon and UConn on Feb. 20.
- The Owls will then travel to Memphis and to Louisville.

City Six hoops breakdown

Some teams are worried about rankings, some about compiling a tournament resume, while others are just trying to improve.

Jay Wright / GETTY IMAGES

- **Villanova 70, Seton Hall 53** — Villanova head coach Jay Wright earned his 400th career win as the Wildcats took care of Seton Hall Friday before taking the weekend off. JayVaughn Pinkston led Nova with 19 points to lift the No. 6 Wildcats to 21-2 on the season. They travel to DePaul Wednesday, an 8 p.m. tip off.
- **St. Joseph's 69, VCU 62** — The Hawks are keeping their NCAA Tournament hopes alive and added an impressive win against likely tournament-bound Virginia Commonwealth Saturday. The Hawks are now 16-7 and looking to differentiate themselves from other bubble teams as March approaches.
- **St. Louis 65, La Salle 63** — La Salle came close to upsetting No. 13 St. Louis Saturday night, but the two-point defeat was the third heartbreaking loss at home for the Explorers this season.
- **Drexel 78, James Madison 60** — Drexel returned to winning ways thanks to 26 points from Chris Fouch in the 18-point Colonial Athletic Association win.
- **Penn 68, Columbia 60** — After lackluster performances for most of the season's first half, Penn earned its second straight win over Ivy League foe Columbia Saturday.
- **Houston 88, Temple 74** — The Owls fell to 6-16 on the season, dropping its 11th game in 12 tries despite a strong second half comeback attempt.

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There is little doubt that the Phillies' young and unproven bullpen would love to have a healthy Mike Adams this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Phillies relief man Adams 'feeling good'

MLB. Setup man Mike Adams heads to spring training healthy and optimistic.

Mike Adams didn't think he needed surgery last May when the expensive setup man struggled. He thought it was mechanics. Adams made an adjustment after watching former Texas Rangers teammate Yu Darvish pitch.

"But that was just false hope," Adams said.

The lean, lanky reliever had shoulder surgery in June, which ended his disappointing initial season with the Phillies. It was the ninth time during his primarily enviable career that Adams went under the knife.

Surgery on a pitcher's shoulder is serious business.

"There are no guarantees when it comes to the shoulder," Adams said. "I wondered if my career was over."

However, his shoulder has improved. The pain dissipated, which is fortunate for Adams and the Phillies. The one-time dominant reliever feels good and believes he can be extremely tough on hitters once again.

"I'm feeling good at this point," Adams said.

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Odds and Adams

Much has been made of Adams years with Texas but his four season run with the San Diego Padres (2008-2011) was truly spectacular. Adams posted a 1.66 ERA and WHIP of 0.90.

- "I remember how tough Adams was when he was with San Diego," Jimmy Rollins said. "That's why I was so glad we signed him."

Peer support

"I guarantee you'll love him when he's right, He's a great pitcher and a great competitor. You love to play behind a guy like him."

Michael Young, former Phillies third baseman and Adams' teammate

Spring training

Phillies hope Adams can return to form

In 2012,Mike Adams was among the best relievers in all of baseball.

Phillies GM Rebuen Amaro decided to take a calculated risk on the often unhealthy hurler, inking him to a lucrative deal before injuries cut his 2013 well short. The Phillies' medical staff signed off on Adams, who was exceptional in 2010 and 2011, boasting a 1.60 ERA during those seasons.

"I was on top of my game then," Adams said. "The only thing that stopped me from pitching that way was injuries."

Adams is confident he'll return to form. If that's so, the bullpen, the most volatile part of a ball club, could turn from bad to good.

"I think we have a good nucleus there," Adams said.

If Adams is solid in 2013, which is the final season of his $12 million deal, and Papelbon is decent and Jake Diekman realizes his vast potential, Cliff Lee and Cole Hamels won't have many qualms handing over the lead to the bullpen. However, don't expect Adams to rush back.

"I would like to be back by opening day," Adams said. "It's possible but I don't want to be out there opening day and go back on the DL come July or August. My goal is to make sure I finish the season and pitch in the postseason." **ED CONDRAN**

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Sixers legend let go

Former 76ers player, coach fired by Detroit

Ken Berger of CBS Sports confirmed that Mo Cheeks was fired from his position as head coach after a 21-29 record in his first 50 games with the team.

The Pistons had hoped that Cheeks — both a one-time 76ers head coach and starting point guard — was the right man to help the team rebuild. Cheeks is 305-315 all-time as an NBA head coach. METRO

Smart suspended

Cowboys' Smart out three games

Oklahoma State All-American Marcus Smart will be suspended for three games after he shoved a fan in a loss against Texas Tech Saturday. Smart apologized Sunday to the fan and to his teammates. METRO

Sixers rookie Michael Carter-Williams and coach Brett Brown have their hands full out west. / GETTY IMAGES

Sixers battle out west until All-Star break

NBA. Lowly 76ers face Golden State Warriors tonight, looking to turn things around.

For the 76ers, the All-Star break is coming at just the right time.

With no hope of making a run at a playoff spot, the Sixers, who face Golden State in the second game of a three-game road trip tonight, will have a chance to regroup before one of the easiest stretches of the entire season starts right after the break.

After six days off, the Sixers have five straight games at home with only one of them against a team with a winning record, the Dallas Mavericks.

During the homestand, Philly will also face Cleveland, Milwaukee (the worst team in the NBA), Orlando and Washington.

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Losing to win

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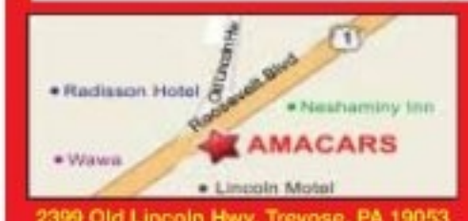

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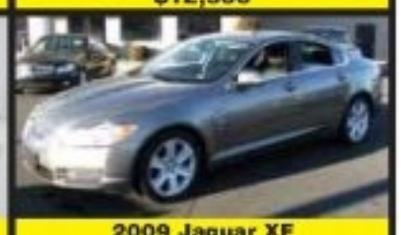

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